

Minutes of December 13, 2010 Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

The West Alexandria Village Council met in regular session at the Water Treatment Plant on Monday, December 13, 2010. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Holly Robbins, Debra Smith, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Wick.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the November 15, 2010, minutes, seconded by Jim Wick.

VV: 6 yea.

Bills #31732 – 31784 and 12332 – 12365 totaling \$190,074.26 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to pay the bills, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

GUESTS:

Mark Ulrich, Linda Wick, Denise Shepard, Chief Martin, Roy Kouts, Chris Day, and Karen Mays. Denise Shepard asked how one does the village income tax. She seems to do it wrong every year. Karen Mays explained that the place you work collects local income tax first. The village allows 0.5% credit for other entities' taxes. The village solicitor stated that council can not discuss individual cases. Mayor Lunsford read Section 880 of the Income Tax Ordinance that states an individual may appeal to the income tax review board, if he/she thinks their taxes are figured wrong.

CLERK:

Gave the November financial report.

MAYOR:

Reported that she performed two weddings. She attended the Lanier Township meeting. Mayor Lunsford thanked all the departments for their help with decorating the village.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of a Resolution Amending 2011 Estimated Revenue for the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio, by title.

Motion:

David Mays moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of the 2011 Annual Appropriation Ordinance by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by Jim Wick, Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of A Resolution to Contract Richard V. Faber Jr. as Village Solicitor of West Alexandria, Ohio, for Calendar Year 2011 by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

POLICE:

Asst. Chief Gasper gave the monthly report. He is changing the report format at the beginning of the year.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays reported that she has been to court on several cases. She is sending letters to the landlords in reference to the change in the ordinance this week.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

No Report.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the ambulance and fire contracts have been signed by the townships. Twin Township went back to Lewisburg for the upper 1/3 of their Township. The contracts were increased.

Motion:

David Mays moved to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to signs the contracts, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Meeting dates are the third Monday of the month. If it falls on a holiday, the meeting is moved to Tuesday. This conflicts with Holly Robbins and Deb Smith's schedules.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to move the January meeting to January 10th and the February meeting to February 14th, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to accept the 2011 meeting dates as amended, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

7:30 P.M. Public Hearing – Richard Faber read the notice of a public hearing.

No comments.

Mayor Lunsford closed the public hearing at 7:34 P.M. Back in regular session.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading of Ordinance Amending Section 1266.02 of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Residential Floor Area Requirements under the Village Planning and Zoning Laws by title.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to waive three readings, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 1274.04 of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, so as to Add Single-Family Dwellings as a Conditional Use to the B-3 Central Business District under the Village Planning and Zoning Laws by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 1288.05 (b) (8) through (10) of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, so as to Decrease the Permissible Square Feet Area for Political Signs and to Flip the Order of Said (8) Through (10) Subsections [So as to Allow Them to Be Properly Cross-Referenced under Other Existing Provisions of Chapter 1288 of Said Codified Ordinances] under the Village Planning and Zoning Laws by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 1288.14 (b) of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, so as to More Appropriately Regulate the Size of Signs on Undeveloped Property under the Village Planning and Zoning Laws by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR (con):

Council needs to elect two people to the Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to nominate Jim Wick and Ian Campbell to the Firefighters' Dependents Board, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

The village needs to refund \$3581.00 to FEMA because FEMA lowered the village allocations from \$45,000 to \$39,000. The village will send the check to Lanier Township for the taxes on the property the village annexed. The village still needs to pay Twin Township from a previous annexation. The county auditor is working on this. The service department cleaned up 7 properties this year. We billed these properties for the maintenance. The village will need to purchase additional equipment next year. The Christmas decorations are over 30 years old. The decision was made not to put them up this year. One option for the future is to purchase new ones for the street lights uptown

and use banners on the poles on the east and west ends of town. The parking lot has officially been turned over to the village. It will be resealed next spring. Richard Faber filed the annexation paperwork today. The next process is the subdivision. Mr. Day reported that the new economic development director has made several contacts in our community as to what buildings are available. The department finished picking up leaves. This year the impellor broke. People are throwing out trash in the leaf piles which damages the equipment. Some of the equipment will have to be replaced for next year. The drivers from Rumpke have bigger trucks They are complaining about the narrow alleys. David Mays suggested that maybe pickup should be on the street, instead of the alleys. Chris Day mentioned that the 2011 budget allows for a slight raise for employees. Deb Smith thinks the wages should be frozen. David Mays thinks the employees may be upset, since they have not had an increase for 2 years. The cost of living increase is 1.3%. Discussion. Mitch Suggs suggested giving a 1% increase to full time and part time employees this year and then next year look at increasing the volunteer pay.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Day has the membership fee for the Preble County Area CIC. He recommends that the village join this organization.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to pay the membership fee of \$100, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Mitch Suggs reported that he receives e-mail from the economic development director. He will forward these to any interested council member.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to adjourn, seconded by David Mays. Motion carried.

PASSED: _____